

Propaganda and the Persian Gulf War

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Father Bill Davis of the Christic Institute discusses the media's role in the impending Persian Gulf War.

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we have live in studio now as of January 17 1991 father Bill Davis of the Christic Institute who has an open invitation to come on the show whenever there's news and there's news I as a matter of fact the high father Davis hi really there's a little news but I hope we can spend probably a good part of the time tonight talking about the war and its relationship to the issues that we've been dealing with okay well it does seem is part of gore vidal's favorite TV show this morning the the Keating five investigations somebody voiced during the hearings that you know what's all this investigation and those stuff doesn't matter anymore because we're at war and thinking that the Christic institute's oral arguments were supposed to resume on the fifteenth on d-day so to speak thinking a lot of people thinking especially now well you know it isn't all that important what's important is that we've attacked iraq we wiped out their planes we wiped out their missiles we are about extra hair on our chests now and we haven't lost a man or woman and we are riding high we've also wiped out our own constitution in the process of course but you're right there are a lot of things that we aren't supposed to think about anymore now that the war fever has taken over it's ironic though that you mentioned the oral arguments they were scheduled for the 15th actually there's been another delay in that because of scheduling conflicts with some of the defense attorneys they will now be held on february the 25th so we ask people to be patient and bear with us another slight delay there but the issues don't

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slight delay there but the issues don't go away and you know I was just reflecting on the way over here and listening to that wonderful tape by gore Vidal that you played that really what's at stake here what we've been trying to say for a long time with its lawsuit and and in various interviews and right here on this program is that we have a constitutional crisis going on a crisis that most people don't seem to recognize or pick up on a few weeks ago as you remember we we tried to deal with the whole intelligence bill and the way a craven Congress was once again handing over its oversight functions handing over it's a balance of checks and the balance of powers within the three branches of government and basically selling out giving over the power of the purse and giving over the power to declare war more recently now of course we've seen Congress once again pass a resolution where they basically gave to the President or tried to give to the president the power to declare war which of course he didn't need and was bound to do on his own at any rate but many constitutional scholars are saying that it was clearly in violation of article 1 section 8 of the Constitution Congress is the only one that has the right to declare war and they may not hand it over to the President or anyone else to declare as he sees fit so that's kind of number one connection it's ironic to the you should mention the SNL's and your reference to gore Vidal there that we aren't supposed to think about that anymore one of the things that folks may have caught or may have missed because it appeared in the LA Times only in the D section the business section on december twenty second there was an article appropriately enough under the

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article appropriately enough under the headline briefly a few little brief items that they had collected on that page and the briefly item the second one on december twenty second noted that the panel has now cleared the S&I for the the excuse me the CIA for any connection to the SNL failures well what they did of course was they looked into a in their usual fashion they went to the CIA and said gee were you connected with that and the CIA said no and so without any kind of subpoena power without any kind of questioning under oath they simply took the word of the CIA for that what's been going on of course is not just direct CIA involvement but more frequently the off-the-shelf crowd the seacord shaklee network has been definitely linked now to a number of the SNL's that failed they were using the SNL's as a way of funding their contra operation and God knows what else getting unsecured loans from them so I suppose technically one can say that it wasn't the CIA that was involved with the SNL's but certainly this privatized CIA these these off-the-shelf operators were involved and it's not surprising that the house panel didn't really get out that kind of information the panel chaired by Beal Anson who has shown himself all too compliant in this issue all along I personally spoke to him once before this investigation began where he assured me that if anything like this happened it must have been back during kcza era and that nothing like that would be going on now so I'm not terribly surprised when his panel now having completed its investigation finds no

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completed its investigation finds no evidence that the Central Intelligence Agency was involved with any of the savings and loan association failures it's further interesting that the committee's staff the Intelligence Committee staff that looked into a lot of this was headed by Daniel Child's Daniel Child's is a former comptroller or chief financial officer for the CIA and he's done this before he's come out of the CIA and gone to the Senate Intelligence Committee to work for them for a time then gone back to the CIA now he's come out again or allegedly came out to work for the the House Intelligence Committee so when this group of people find no evidence it doesn't mean that the evidence doesn't exist it just means that they didn't find it so both those brief items of update on the case and one other oh yeah John Hull our friend is back in the news again having fled Costa Rica illegally to avoid charges down there and live for a time in the U.S. under no threat he most recently as many of your friends will note went to Central America and showed up in all places in Hui golpo Nicaragua an area controlled by former Contras and by the way hulle hulle allegedly fled Costa Rica because he said he had a need for advanced medical care he has a very bad heart according to him I've been to Nicaragua a few times I really don't believe and don't know of any other authorities who would say that hooley golpo Nicaragua is noted for its advanced medical facilities but at any rate when Nicaragua recently a judge issued an order for his arrest there so that he could be extradited to Costa Rica he has now fled once again

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Costa Rica he has now fled once again and is back in the United States where of course nobody from any of the law enforcement agencies seemed to be looking for him nor do the congressional committees seemed to want to subpoena him although Senator Kerry said at one time if he ever came back here he would subpoena him and question him under oath so with all of that in mind and while we're waiting to get subpoena power back so that we can go after some of these people we suddenly find ourselves of course at war and even the way that this war began has connections with some of the things that we've been pursuing in the Krista against to lawsuit for instance the the brutal kind of propaganda that has gone on about how we are doing everything possible to avoid war and we have to bring this terrible Saddam Hussein to heel a lot of that we now find was financed by a new organization called the Coalition for America at Risk and some rather interesting people show up in that group among others is Christic defendant Major General John single good old unreconstructed anti-communist John he along with other right-wing funders like Richard Vickery and former US ambassador to Costa Rica Luis Tams a man who has already admitted under oath that he went to Costa Rica to help open the southern front and we know that he and others were involved not only with the illegal resupply of the Contras but with the drug traffic going through that country and his banned for life from Costa Rica because of that Louis Tams Richard Vagary Johnson globe and a number of other conservatives have put together a

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other conservatives have put together a multi-million dollar budget and we're putting out on the airwaves and in the TV channels carefully placed spots some 700 carefully placed TV spots costing millions of dollars describing the murdered cadiz lying in heaps and and saying that they have to stop the Holocaust etc so it's no wonder that a lot of North Americans feel that the war was inevitable one hears in all kinds of interviews although I'm always I'm always concerned that some of these interviews on the street are of course carefully chosen by the mainstream media to give an appearance that I think goes beyond what the popular support is nevertheless a lot of Americans of course are voicing expressions like you know well we we've got to do what we've got to do perhaps aping the president who said last Sunday on the White House lawn when asked about those Americans who do not want or he his only answer was we've got to do what we've got to do I don't quite see the logic in that nor do I see the logic in the constant refrain that he has done everything possible to avoid war people never seem to notice that the one thing we needed to do to avoid war has simply not started simply not begin the war the war was not inevitable I'm convinced that it was not needed the sanctions we're working just recently the one rubber tire plant in Iraq was forced to shut down for lack of materials if they can't make tires and they can't import tires it would seem to me that it's only a matter of time before they're going to have a lot of problem even moving their army around

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problem even moving their army around without any rubber tires and that's just one commodity so you know this this rush to war and this popularized notion that we have to do it and we have to do it now was I think outrageous propaganda it it's obscene propaganda and when I see that some of it was manipulated by people like General John Singh globe and lowest hams of course one can understand it a little better what we can't understand the course is a president who goes about mouthing such diplomatic phrases as fact that Hussein is going to get his ass kicked I think George Bush is kicking ass I think it's our asses though that are being kicked by this kind of duping of the American public and having us pay for a totally unnecessary war where even if our boys don't get killed there are thousands of Iraqis that are going to be absolutely wiped out and you know really the thing that I keep coming back to is if we take our own rhetoric seriously we have said that Saddam Hussein is a madman I don't believe that by the way not for a minute but let's grant the ones who say that for the sake of argument that it may be true if true then a lot of Iraqi citizens are being punished for something that their own mad leader whom they did not elect and over whom they have no control that why should they have bombs dropped on them and and one here is the racist argument that that we need to do it quickly and massively and aggressively and from the sky so that none of our boys will be hurt well what about a hundred thousand or so of the Iraqis who made no other error in life

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Iraqis who made no other error in life and have done nothing against the United States other than had the misfortune to be born in places like Baghdad when I visited Baghdad a few years ago I saw the scenes you know ordinary people working class stiff women children whatever coming and going and having very little control over their government in a situation that I think we are headed toward given the present decline in any kind of constitutional democracy here but I can't help thinking about those individual Iraqis and when I hear such stupidities as we've got to do what we've got to do or we need to get the job done with and get it over with quickly without ever thinking for a moment what does that mean the job the job and it's not Saddam Hussein who's going to get his butt kicked it's going to be thousands of Iraqis we're going to have their bodies blown apart and their families blown apart and all for this unnecessary macho kind of John Wayne approach that is so distressing but it is pressed upon the American people I think with with a kind of force fed ignorance that comes through the media so you know I'm sorry if I'm stepping on some toes out there but I think that what we are doing is seen it was totally unnecessary and I think the important thing that we have to keep in mind though is the why would somebody like Bush do it I think when when you when you run through the various reasons that he gave of course most of them don't make sense he wanted to stop naked aggression I've said before if George Bush wants to stop naked aggression he should resign he he

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naked aggression he should resign he he has given a whole variety of reasons none of which hold up and I think if we look back at our own most recent history if we look just one year ago to the kinds of things that we were saying about Noriega and how we had to take him out and you know we had to prove that our testosterone level is up well you know look at Panama today it is not more democratic the drug situation has not changed the banking system is still being used by the scum of the earth to launder their illegal funds and the present government of Panama refuses to allow any changes in that the people God knows are worse off if anything and certainly the thousands of people that were killed we now know that again the US public was lied to there weren't some 202 casualties as we were told that it runs certainly to the thousands those families I don't think would consider themselves better off nor would the hundreds of thousands who have been left homeless because of this and the country hasn't been rebuilt so when one has to say well you know we had to do what we had to do in Panama but with what result who is better off is the world really a better place because we went in and smashed that country oh sure Manuel Noriega is in jail but you'll notice that he hasn't come to trial yet and I have my doubts that he ever will or it'll certainly be a very truncated trial if he does so you know who is better off and what is the result of it I think when we wake up the morning after Iraq we will find that bush and company have achieved their objectives very well and their objectives are to anger the whole Arabic

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objectives are to anger the whole Arabic world so that for at least the next 10 years we will now have the new enemy we couldn't look to the Communist world anymore because of the unilateral dismantling of the Warsaw Pact by Gorbachev and the collapse of the Soviet Union and the military contractors the people the banks and the businessmen who really run the country were having apoplexy they needed a new enemy Noriega is in jail that one had pretty well petered out so we got the new demon Saddam Hussein but I think behind him they see now the future of this whole new Arabic enemy and the possibility of instituting further elements of the national security state because the threat of terrorism real and imagined will be there so we were in for now a whole new round of national security state type of maneuvers so I think that you know in a way this may seem a distraction from the Christic Institute's lawsuit but it is not it is precisely what we've been worried about and trying to get the public to look at and trying to get the courts to deal with and we will get the courts to deal with a chunk of it but it's very clear that the forces we are up against are not standing still they are moving I think in some very obscene ways and my heart is heavy tonight particularly for the innocent people of Iraq but I am also concerned about the people in this country who love democracy and who really want the Constitution this frail experiment in government by the people do we are we losing it is it getting away from us I think the events of the last few days would

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the events of the last few days would indicate that we are let me just close on one very hopeful note I've been to several of the demonstrations lately it was amazing to me how they mushroomed all across the country on on very short notice I think that in the next few days there will be probably even more demonstrations although many people are disheartened over the invasion I would simply say let's not give up yet let's not give the country over to this crowd of national security state experts with their off-the-shelf enforcement mechanisms I think we can still expose these people and take them out because they're their support is not what the press would claim it is it may be very wide but it's only a half an inch thick and for most of us the kind of brutal activity that's gone on these last few hours is an indication that we can no longer allow this to be kind of a sidelight in our life if if we want our country to be what it is supposed to be and if we want our world to be a human place then we've got to move it and the time is short okay thank you Father Davis you have a few minutes to take yes I do I'd be great take a few phone calls if you want to talk to father Bill Davis of the Christic institute and the Christic institute by the way of Los Angeles is if you want to put a

shoulder to the wheel there at area code 21 3287 1556 yes and maybe if I might if if people want to call that number there is one rather interesting new publication that we have that I didn't bring with me tonight but folks can get it from by calling that number it's by Peter Dale Scott who is most of you know as a

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Scott who is most of you know as a wonderful academician and careful documenter of the kinds of things that we've been talking about he has a new book that's coming out in a month or two it's called cocaine politics it's about drugs armies and the CIA in Central America by Peter Dale Scott and Jonathan Marshall because a couple of chapters of that book deal with the kind of constitutional issues that we're dealing with they've given us permission to print a monograph ahead of time it's a pre-publication actually an excerpt from the book but it's coming out ahead of the actual publication of the book and that is available from our office through that number that you just gave out okay that's area 213 287 1556 and I think maybe you should move up a little closer here to the phone got it thanks okay bring a chair hello yes hello a father I have a question 2 comments are you aware that Saudi Arabia Kuwait and the efforts have poured hundreds of billions of dollars into the u.s. pressuring over the last month or so and that one of the things are trying to do in exchange for what the US is doing in their part of the world the idea is that they are kind by pulling this money into the US Treasury they're trying to help you know dates with the debt and the bailout of the SNL's an exchange these countries are pressuring young states to hold a peace conference on Israel after the thing in Iraq is over with in other words there's a quid pro quo that's one point I want to make

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pro quo that's one point I want to make the other point I wanted to make is this that the the US will after this often Iraq will be over the US will effectively control the major oil-producing countries of the Middle East and this is what I think this is why I think the strategy of a bush is that he feels that and this is something I heard from Jimmy Carter to that OPEC the oil-producing exporting countries have blackmailed the United States to stop widespread development of alternative energy sources so the bush strategy is that by acquiring control of these oil-producing countries he will then be able to go to alternative energy sources in a way over a period of time and will not be blackmailed by OPEC I want to know what do you think of those things that I've heard on various news programs and also in various alternative new magazines concerning not only the fact that the pouring of hundreds of billions dollars into the Treasury but also about the Peace Conference and the end the environment well I thank you for your comments I they are very interesting and yes I've heard of some of these things I would say first of all with regard to the money and the SNL question that's a whole area that needs so much more investigation it's very clear from Pete bruton's articles and from a number of other sources that something is swimming around in there and for that to get a cover-up by again a bumbling congressional committee that refuses to even go after it with subpoena power is absurd we've got to follow the money we've got to follow the money that went through the SNL's we've got to follow the money as you suggest that may now be coming in to bail out the SNL's and and certainly banking interests are a major force deciding what is and is not done in the world the other point that you raise though I find is even more interesting I don't know how much alternative energy fits into this the the modern cry on the street of

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this the the modern cry on the street of course is no blood for oil and the assumption is that the fighting in Iraq and Kuwait is primarily over oil I guess I don't really want to quarrel with that but I certainly want to expand it I don't think it's just oil you know bush and others as you suggest hey there are other sources there are other ways of getting around that problem I think what it's about is power and especially the power that goes into the banking community and that goes into the military contractors I tell you they were having apoplexy with all this talk about a piece end and you know cuts in the weapons system and you know you don't hear that kind of talk anymore the pleasure to think about the peace conference with Israel do you think that the Arab countries the ones that are now allies of United States are going to pressure the United States to hold a peace conference on israel after the Iraqi thing is settled I don't know I I would hope that there could

be some kind of comprehensive look at that area I don't personally see any kind of possibility of even a modest peace until a Palestinian question is dealt with so I do think that that's a part of it but there are so many theories floating around about you know Israel is going to be scapegoated in this whole thing it has been already in many ways I I hope that you know one of the things I think we can push for and help to get on the boards is some kind of comprehensive look at that area and some kind of international peace conference to deal with the multiple issues in the area no matter what happens to Saddam Hussein everyone says you know Saddam Hussein didn't move into Kuwait to help the Palestinians and I think that's probably fair enough you know but we didn't move into Saudi Arabia to stop nuclear weapons either you know like we are trying to pretend we did so let's get

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trying to pretend we did so let's get past these pretenses and get to some kind of comprehensive international attempt to settle the problems in that area because it's very clear there have been great injustices on every side of the question there's been a lot of intrigue and a lot of deception and it you know we've got to find a better way but I personally believe that Israel is right in its way in the Palestinians are right you have two groups of people who are both are right in their own way and the fact is is that that's the real problem because I think the Israel has a right to exist and the Palestinians have a right to their government and so that's if there is a peace conference it'll have to deal with that question and I I feel that I feel that you have to talk to people there that both are legitimate have legitimate feelings yes and just one further aspect to it I mean it seems to me that we do need that kind of thing and it needs to be under international supervision it can't be you know the New World Order dictated by the Czar of the White House it it you know one of the dreadful aspects of this whole Persian Gulf crisis is that everyone is now touting a lot of the press is touting the wonders of the UN which is finally acting as its supposed to never noticing that the only reason the UN has been ineffective the last few years is that the US has been vetoing almost every effort to get any kind of new approach to Israel they've been vetoing any kind of resolutions that would force us to own up to our own criminality in Central America you know so let's let's not ignore the cynicism that's present in the newfound aplomb going to the UN but at the same time I think I think the UN and international approaches to these problems is the only way to get around some of this factionalism hello there was an article

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factionalism hello there was an article recently in the LA Times about what constitutes a just war and I st. Augustine was quoted as saying just war assumes that that all avenues of peace have been have been tried and that's not the case with this war there were other options other there could have been a military blockade that if the sanctions were working as they were and there's debate about that I mean we could have could be trying a military blockade that would have been an act of war but but not as violent as what's going on and what's going to be going on in the near future do what it may it makes it seem like like this is a naked power play by by bush you know I know I I can't view the world and such black and white terms can you comment well you know it may seem like it's a naked power play because it is and I don't think it's just by bush I think it's by this whole you know the banking interests and the military contractors and there are lots of interests at play here but getting back to the Just War theory yes I think you're exactly right there certainly were other alternatives open they know one alternative is for us to simply not start the war at this time it's clear that the sanctions in many ways are working and it's clear that that the Saddam Hussein was being isolated in many ways that he was not getting stronger and digging in as some of the voices were saying he was getting weaker I pointed out earlier that thing about the rubber tires and that's just one commodity so I think those who were supporting this war were blind to that order we're fully aware of that that's where yet despite that it's hard to say there's such brutal propaganda out that

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there's such brutal propaganda out that perhaps many people have come to believe that they that the sanctions weren't working and we had to do it and all that sort of thing but it you know where they get this I don't know I can't get inside their minds but just one further point on this just war business I think that the main thing that that was not done was diplomatic efforts the impression was given that all kinds of diplomatic efforts were made that's nonsense we didn't organism we went over it we went over an issued ultimatums you know which we knew that he wouldn't give in to and and any truly diplomatic efforts were systematically avoided so that's that's one thing that wasn't done but the main thing wasn't done was we simply didn't wait long enough to allow the sanctions to work and I find that it's obscene I personally have a lot of trouble with the Just War theory not as it was originally formulated or even as it was sometimes applied but when you look at modern warfare where you have for instance airplanes dropping bombs from a 30,000 foot level as they are this very minute over the city of Baghdad and they'll use terms like surgical strike again which is a total prostitution of the language surgeons do not drop by bombs from 30,000 feet to cure illnesses there's nothing pinpoint about it I just don't think that the conditions of the just war can even be met anymore given the technology of modern warfare so this is not a just war that we're into and if it seems like naked aggression to you maybe that's because it is well those sanctions were not expected to start working to start working really effectively until april or may be the end of the year when they started nobody was expecting them to be fully crushing iraq by january that's right that's right and you know but even even if they

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right and you know but even even if they didn't force Saddam Hussein to leave Kuwait the damage has already been done to Kuwait what's the problem with allowing that situation to go on for several years there is no have to that you know we have to invade because the sanctions didn't work quickly enough where does this have to come from it comes out of the White House and out of those who have to have this kind of enemy and creations of enemy so that they can maintain their levels of military spending and profits hello oh yeah I think to the George Bush's accomplished much more than Hitler ever dreamed a company he certainly got rid of all talk of the peace dividend so he's accomplished a lot even here at home he has in many senses one I think on his objectives hey I hit him on the right oh absolutely absolutely and and one need only look as far back as the recent Senate Intelligence bill that went through or some of the other bills that are in process to see the sort of way that Congress has in a sense accepted its own irrelevance II means that we're in for some troubled times thank you but Bush vetoed that bill he did which was interesting because we found out that that there was a concerted plan ahead of time that he would make a few small concessions he would he would make written findings and report them to Congress at least after the fact but once the once the bill got through with him having gained a lot and given up very little he turned around and basically kicked the people in the teeth who made the agreement with him and even even congressman be Lanson who spearheaded the attempt to get all this

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spearheaded the attempt to get all this through was very upset about it he issued a memorandum that was very strong language for him about how the president was ill-advised if he was advised at all and you know it's hard to feel sorry for Buell insane but the fact is that that Bush basically went back on the agreement and it's interesting to note where things stand now because what it means is there is not an appropriations bill for the intelligence community and George Bush is assuming that it's okay for him to go ahead and spend the money without Congress even appropriating it he's taking it from the Pentagon budget apparently so again it's it's a further step toward the erosion of checks and balances and I don't think it is too strong a word to say that it's a further step toward fascism no oh I have two points I want to make I just agree with father Davis d okay first one is that our constitutional rights that we're losing that you know the common man is losing you're saying it is always lawful rights here in America he's never had those right it's not a new thing yes I think it's a matter of degree if I may interrupt I think you're right i would agree with you with their there they we've never had you know full equal rights the Constitution didn't even accept women or slaves or all kinds of you know but who's at the right business always been business always this was always telling but it would happen today and it and they have always been subsidized that's right but there's always been it yeah i

agree with you but at least there was a matra come of democracy and a modicum of government the people which is now on the wane I think so it's I I don't know i don't believe that monica man you're talking about take kpfk for instance after ten o'clock they could play stuff that some

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o'clock they could play stuff that some people would consider pornographic but once the government found out about it they cut it off so now they can't even play at any time yeah well yeah there's no doubt that went late at six or it's 71 can look through our whole history and find violations of the so-called rights that we thought we had all I'm saying is that I think that the the absence of those rights and the erosion of those rights is getting dramatically worse and the other point I wanted to make was that the American military they build up a bush build up the Saddam that he was a Hitler that he was powerful he had tanks and army at everything so therefore reaction was made by the people that hate is going to be a bloody war we don't want you know don't spill blood for oil but the fact is it Arrakis is a is a backward third world country they don't have that kind of an army or equipment well they do have some couple of points knock them out so that Americans are not going to lose don't be too sure on that one I think they do have some sophisticated equipment because again I know that some of the people that we're dealing with in the Christic Institute lawsuit people like Richard Armitage for instance who is one of the characters that comes up in our lawsuit and a close friend of George Bush he wanted to appoint him to high office but that was derailed because his connections to the drug cartels of Southeast Asia got exposed Richard Armitage has been arranging arms deals for Saddam Hussein and selling arms to him from the US right up until the invasion of Kuwait so we do know that he does have some sophisticated weapons ironically enough many of them bought from the US thank you okay as a matter of fact Ross Perot was talking on Larry King show about the u.s. trying desperately to get

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the u.s. trying desperately to get saddam hussein some super computers yeah through Brazil very after we had troops in Saudi Arabia after august the US was still trying to get that kind of computer to to Saddam and that was stopped by the CIA and the Pentagon yeah it was I heard part of that I found it fascinating that even Ross parole a businessman like him was against are you know going in there with military might and found lots of reasons why we should have taken more time the one point where I would disagree with him is that he said if I heard him correctly that once the decision is made though and we go then of course we have to support the troops well I support the troops I support them so much I want to bring them home I think that's the way we ought to support the troops is by bringing them home hello yes I have a question for you Father mm-hmm I support the the Christic Institute and I try and follow as closely as I can with us on but I often hear criticism that it is a conspiracy theory and that conspiracy theories just rarely hold water and that they're really not worth anything how do you respond to such criticism when you hear that you know I guess I don't handle it as well as I should have I got it even today I was being interviewed on another radio station by telephone and he said oh we know about your stuff it's mostly conspiracy it bothers me that people say such kind of nonsense because frankly I don't think it is conspiratorial I personally always try to take the least conspiratorial explanation that I can for something I think I think what we have to say is you know we've never the Christic Institute has never held that this is some kind of cabal that are tightly organized and have like a board of directors and and

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have like a board of directors and and things are done by a small in group we recognize that there are many many forces that come to play banking forces intelligence forces drug d etc etc and they can sometimes move into consort with one another and sometimes not I don't think that's particularly conspiratorial I guess finally I would say to those who accuse us of being conspiratorial is you know what are you a coincidence theory I mean when when people like Richard C chord and theodore shackley keep turning up in in a whole variety of theaters most recently the SNL scandal you know that do you think that happens by simply by

some kind of conspiracy I may not be a conspiracy nut but I've long since given up being a coincidence nut that's great that's a good good argument I I'd also think that what I usually try and add when people accuse me of supporting conspiracy theories is that there's documentation a real conspiracy is kept absolutely secret if you believe that there's people who are really conspiratorial they wouldn't you know they would not let on who's in the conspiracy or why or anything else there's there's often documentation and and proof and facts that that you can find for these yeah and a lot of these things you know when people say well such-and-such a group is too conspiratorial it's simply a easy way of writing it off so that you don't have to deal with the issues i guess i would maintain finally that you know what we have said may be surprising to some people it may be shocking to some people it may sound conspiratorial to some people none of that matters what matters is is what we are saying true is it the truth if it's the truth we darn well better deal with it so i think that's that's the bottom line for us and if we if we're not correct point out

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if we if we're not correct point out where we're wrong we would love to we'd love to have our theories modified and added to as has happened already by a number of good healthy critics coming along who have who made us be more accurate but don't don't label us with some kind of label tell us whether or not what we're saying is true great that's fantastic keep up the good work in sacaton thank you hello kpfk you're on the air with father Davis yes I want to know what Deeping is a definition of victory in George Bush's by meaning the dolly thing to surrender or or or the death of Saddam Hussein or what what do you think well don't expect me to make sense out of what George Bush does i find it probably as puzzling as you do i think that it really has very little to do with saddam hussein just as it had very little to do with Manuel Noriega I think what it really has to do with is with power and that victory is the maintenance of a world order in which an elite few like himself have a lot to say and people who might get in the way of their of their plans have very little to say I think that's ultimately what he considers victory but you'd have to ask him i'm not sure thank you this is kpfk los angeles we are on the air live with father Bill Davis of the Christic Institute as of January 17 1991 and keep him here for a few more minutes oh hello this is Dorothy of La Crescenta thank you for calling ah listen I got that cut off so many times I'm just grateful like that on god bless you guys it's incredible thank you this is just point of like kind of information I think the 877 to Gulf

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information I think the 877 to Gulf number is still going which is sponsored by saying freeze and it's kind of like a joke after the fact to let sanctions work pre call and there's a 900 number which I guess you guys advertise it nope we didn't advertise any 900 numbers to my knowledge ok well it's a it's a ten-dollar call and I just tried it twice 944 no war which each time you you call you get you know ten dollars on your phone bill to write a letter to Bush telling them basically where to put his little victory and unfortunately i called it continent a continent that's how long I've been trying to get you guys the beep tone on the 900 doesn't seem to be functioning and picking up you know you're a little you leave your name and address and they'll send you further information it's so anybody that wants to risk it those are two you know anyway thank you very much okay good yeah thanks for the information we we have an 800 number to the western union office which then you know you can get a pre-written message to go to your congressperson or senator and so on and those messages will be changed and updated regularly so that it will fit the current crisis those numbers can be obtained through our office no by anybody who's interested hello gore Vidal proposed a new constitutional convention that the other question was raised if the Bill of Rights would would survive a constitutional convention my question is do you think that that uh oh with a constitutional convention of wood this global flight collective on this CIA FBI the National Security Agency white

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the National Security Agency white supremacy co-opted a constitutional convention has been and what would be the result of that kind of go option I mean what and if it's possible for um um grassroots neighborhood councils are a kind of I mean would that be a kind of in run way to go to empower people you

know to to to oppose to politically empower people to oppose of these kinds of things that you know like before yeah I think we have to have you I agree with you there are some real fears and worries about going to a constitutional convention I think it would bring out of the woodwork the the prayer in schools you know stop the pornography the kind of people that would be manipulated by many of the others who are really into a national security state I think rather than risk all of that I would prefer to take the Bill of Rights which we have which you know certainly isn't perfect but it's not bad and let's insist that it be followed and let's insist that the the rights be respected and let's insist that we get politicians all up and down the line who will you know stand for that or be voted out of office I think there's a lot more to be gained by hanging on to what we already have and putting it into practice rather than going for something new that could open a can of worms that we don't know where the bottom will be okay last call hello hi this is Camilla from Los Angeles and honestly I really appreciate having a vehicle Davis on the show I was I had a question and I know you might not be an expert in this but

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you might not be an expert in this but last night Roy had tape from a guy named Casey to pause and he was saying that he felt that one reason this was happening was the influence of the Sabbagh family over the US banks but the banks are so shaky that if they told their money out they could really be stabilized the banking system and I was wondering if you had any thoughts on that well it's ironic you should mention that we were just talking about the tape and I'm going to take it home with me and listen to it thanks to Roy here but I have heard from other sources that not only the banks but the insurance companies are in almost the same kind of shaky status that the SNL's were a couple of years ago so it's true about the insurance companies yeah so I think you know a number of our of our institutions are in in a lot shaky your status then we would like to believe and of course that always opens the possibility that they will be manipulated by the people who are who have this kind of messianic complex that they know what's best for us and they will simply bypass the ordinary constitutional processes and legal processes and do whatever they think needs to be done that that's a constant worry on my part I don't profess to be an expert on the banking system but again I do think it's something that needs to be studied I know that following the money you know as they said back in Watergate follow the money that'll tell you that'll tell you what's going on we need to do that with the money that the SNL's squandered you know where is it it's got to be somewhere and we shouldn't pay the bill for that party which we were not invited to until we find out where the money went and we should also look at the banks and the insurance companies so keep up your curiosity in your research I don't I'm afraid I don't have any answers for you on that one okay thank

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answers for you on that one okay thank you okay okay well thank you Father bill for coming down and sharing the latest news and I personally have to say I'm particularly glad you were here in this very dark day at the beginning of the war with Iraq and I take great comfort whenever I see anybody who's been in the struggle for peace for so long and so successfully and to exchange energies with you so a pleasure to be your ROI and thank you for inviting and the Christic institute again a lot Los Angeles Chapter area code 21 3287 1556 287 1556 this is kpfk Los Angeles

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